

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale:

- A dress code which incorporates school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Plenty Parklands Primary School community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, expense and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code. After consultation within the school community, the students and Junior School Council, School Council developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families

Aims:

- To promote equality and a fair go for all, amongst students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, identification with, and respect for our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- **The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions, camp when appropriate and when students represent the school.**
- **Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.**
- The student dress code, and details of uniform items, Uniform Shop hours and the uniform ordering process will be published in the newsletter and on our website at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will be on the website and will also be available from the office.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- School Council will operate a Uniform Shop on the school premises.
- Donations of quality second hand uniforms will be redistributed to families experiencing genuine economic hardship as identified by the welfare officers.
- If no reasonable second hand uniforms are available arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing genuine economic hardship. It is the Principal Class Officers' decision whether or not to approve this request.
- ***As the school colors are dark navy blue and red, no other colors are to be worn. Students must wear red or blue hair bands, ribbons and headscarves.***

Dress Code

Compulsory

- School logos on short and long sleeved polos, sweaters and bomber jackets.
- Choice of plain navy long shorts, skorts, cargoes, bootleg or trackpants (no leggings or brand logos), blue and white check school dress.
- PPPS sunsmart hats from September to April or when designated by Department.
- Navy blue waterproof jacket for recess and lunchtime at school if required (uniform shop or commercial outlet). Students are encouraged to wear warm singlets under their uniform rather than non uniform jackets. No other colors to be worn during school hours unless on extreme cold weather days.

Footwear:

- School shoes (except for physical education) or sturdy outdoor sports shoes for general daywear.
- Slippers. (optional in winter for classroom only)
- No thongs, scuffs, inside sports shoes, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals.

Sport/Phys.Ed. Uniform:

- School approved tops with PPS logo.
- Trackpants, long shorts and skorts preferred. (Dresses not preferred as they inhibit physical activity, especially on playground equipment.)
- Runners (not boots or shoes for safety reasons)
- Special interschool sport uniforms provided for some sports
- Sunsmart hats from September to April
- Long hair tied back (for safety reasons)
- No jewellery
- Short nails and no nail polish for team sports.

Jewellery:

Loose or dangly pieces of jewellery are major safety issues when children play games at recess and participate in P.E. and sport. They are extremely dangerous when they catch.

- **Small gold, silver, red or blue stud or sleeper earrings acceptable, no other body piercings.**
- **Small chain with a religious icon can be worn under clothing so that it can't be caught on anything or seen.**
- **No bracelets or bangles, regardless of religious significance, because they can catch, except medical bracelets, which are not classified as jewellery.**
- Firm fitting watch.

Hairstyles:

- Hair dyes or tips that are similar to natural colors. (NOT green, blue, pink, purple, orange, bright red, maroon, gold, silver etc – spray colors are acceptable on free dress days).
- Hairstyles that are appropriate for primary school children – no mohawks or shaved hair patterns, etc.
- Tie long hair back to minimise transfer of nits or lice and to keep hair out of eyes in order to maximise learning.
- Navy blue or red scrunchies, hair ribbons, hair baubles.
- Gels, wax, sprays not overdone.

Makeup:

- Clear lip products only.
- No false or acrylic nails.
- Clear nail polish only.
- No face or eye makeup.
- No visible body transfers or tattoos except following special events like Family Fun Night.

Optional Uniform:

- Navy blue or red baseball caps, beanies or headscarves between May and August. (no logos)
- Navy blue or red gloves and neck scarf for winter. (no logos)
- Plain navy blue or red skivvies. (commercial outlet)
- Navy blue stockings with dress. (not leggings)
- PPS schoolbag.
- Plain navy vests. (commercial outlet)
- Sunglasses that meet Australian standards.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed to reflect new regulations and best practice.